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Botany Department Proposal Draws Fire

Foster, Smith Express Concern

by Kevin Ryan

THIS (President Paul Hardin's) proposal takes us to a situation where we are inferior to any of the schools which the admissions office considers Drew comparable to," said Dr. Gary Smith, Chairman of the botany department, to President Hardin's proposal to terminate that department after this academic year.

Smith's statement came as a part of his larger expression of dissatisfaction with Hardin's decision which he claimed would be detrimental not only to the botany staff and students, but to the Drew community at large, as well as to botanical and food policy awareness.

The botany department has known for a while that the possibility of dismantling the major was conceivable. A study was made at Drew which discovered the problems created by enrollment and the administration considered merging the zoology and botany departments into a single one. The committee's final recommendation was to re-examine the botany department's

position in two years, which would be in the spring of 1986.

Last week President Hardin asked the Student Government Association (SGA), the Student Concerns Committee and the Budget and Programming Committee (B&P) to give him recommendations on the situation of the botany department. According to Stephen Foster, SGA President, the student representative felt that "the situation is moving too quickly, with undue haste." Foster said he feels that "the dismantling of an academic department must be given a great deal of time for consideration."

Yesterday, President Hardin called a meeting of these student representatives and several faculty members. Hardin announced that he felt the decision about the department must be made quickly. Hardin added that he will also attend this month's faculty meeting today for further discussion. He said that he would bring this topic up at the Board of Trustees meeting on May



Stephen Foster, newly elected Student Government Association President, expressed concern over the fact that the decision to eliminate or shrink the botany department may be too hastily made. He suggested slow and careful evaluation of all issues involved.

28th. The Board of Trustees, after hearing recommendations from Hardin, will make the final decision whether to keep the botany department, eliminate it, or merge it with the zoology department.

One of the reasons for the botany department's possible dismantling is that there are few botany majors. Currently there are three majors, with several sophmores undecided. Yet, ac-

cording to Dr. Smith this "is not the whole story" because "we have 120 students taking botany courses or related courses."

Smith said he believes that Hardin sees the botany department as having only one major with two full-time and one part-time faculty members, but that "it sounds like it's worse than it is when you say you have only one major and two and one-half faculty members."

R.E.M. At Drew: The Financial View

by Pamela Bloch

ON Tuesday, April 30, a long awaited concert event will take place when R.E.M. will perform at Drew. Hailing from Athens, Georgia (home of the B52's), the group will draw's first pop concert since South Side Johnny performed three years ago.

"The concert was a student idea," says Kathy Odorow, Social Committee Chairperson, adding that "there's been a growing demand over the last few years." She also explained that the Student Government and Social Committee formed a committee comprised of herself, Adam Glazer (then SGA president), and John McAndrew (band coordinator). Together, they contacted various agents and finally decided on R.E.M. Then, with the help of Al Green, Director of the University Center, they finalized the deal with I.R.S. Records, R.E.M.'s agent.

Odorow explained that the \$18,000 needed to pay for the concert will come from several sources:

SGA	\$3,000
ECAB	\$2,000
UC Board	\$2,000
Al Green's Budget	\$2,000

The remaining \$7,000 will be provided by Dean of the College Paolo Cucci, ticket revenues, and Social Committee fundraising.

Some students questioned the choice of R.E.M. "I can't believe they'd choose R.E.M. over a better known group like Scandal (another group considered for the concert)," said one WMNJ D.J. Former SGA president Adam Glazer defended the choice, however, saying that "there's no question that R.E.M. is the kind of quality act that the Drew student body is hungry for. As students hear more about them, they'll realize that R.E.M. is quality entertainment."

Correspondingly, first day sales were encouraging. Over \$1,000 in tickets were sold, at \$7 each for Drew students with ID's and \$10 for non-Drew students.

"Since more people are becoming aware of Drew, the concert is not only good for Drew but for the surrounding community [as well]," concluded Odorow, who was convinced of the concert's imminent success.

Glazer also commented that "with the effectiveness of students working together, we hope to provide more and more and better entertainment in the years to come. Perhaps events like this will become the norm rather than the exception."

Sexism At Drew Being Discussed by SGA

by Carolyn Torrey

IN the upcoming week, the SGA committee on sexism will be distributing an introductory survey which will look at the levels of awareness and problems of sexism at Drew. The SGA appointed committee was formed this semester to work in affiliation with the Faculty Affirmative Action Committee to investigate the perceived predominance of sexism on the campus. The committee members, Dwyann Golden, Palma Pizzuto, Mary Jane Eggers, and Carolyn Torrey have been working with faculty committee members Jean Schoenthaler and Sue Mason to create the survey. The survey raises questions about the biases of professors and advisors, the atmosphere in classes and the overall climate on campus. By looking at the responses to these questions, the committee hopes to raise general awareness of the problem of institutional and personal sexism, and to explore male and female attitudes about sexism in and out of the classroom.

Jean Schoenthaler, the Faculty Affirmative Action Chairperson, commented "While I wish this survey wasn't necessary, it seems the most effective way to investigate the problem of sexism, in order for the situation to be reversed." The anonymous survey will be distributed to all students next week



Dwyann Golden, one of the six appointed SGA committee members, hopes that the committee on sexism will bring the campus to a clearer awareness and a better understanding of this pressing issue.

and the group is hoping to get as many responses as possible. Dwyann Golden, committee member, said, "I think it is a really important issue that people haven't been aware of on this campus. The fact that there is this committee may help to raise awareness and bring it all into the open."

The committee defines sexism as any attitude, action or institutional structure which subordinates a person or group because of their sex, any as-

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